

AGENDA



Thursday, August 23, 2007

Health and Human Services RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 5

Subject: Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$2,845 in grant funds from the TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, Austin, TX; and amending the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Health and Human Services Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 20060911-001 to appropriate \$2,845 for a total grant amount of \$805,977 for the delivery of basic needs and other self-sufficiency resources for low-income residents.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Community Services Block Grant program. The grant period is January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2007. No City match is required.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information: Shannon Jones, Asst. Director of Public Health & Community Services, 972-5614; Martin Harris, HHS Manager, 972-5655; Linda Terry, Agenda Coordinator, 972-5023.

Prior Council Action: Approval of the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Operating Budget on September 11, 2006.

The City of Austin Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) receives an annual formula-based Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA). The CSBG grant provides administrative support to a network of local Community Action Agencies that provide services to very low-income persons. The City of Austin is considered the Community Action Agency for Travis County. The program provides funding for the delivery of basic needs, self-sufficiency/case-management and preventive health services for low-income residents through the City's six (6) Neighborhood Centers.

HHSD was presented with a monetary service award of \$2,845 by TDHCA for assisting individuals to transition out of poverty and maintaining an effective case management system. The additional funds will be used to cover increases associated with the grant. TDHCA has agreed to extend the grant period from January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2007.

Related Goals:

Provision: Health Services – Deliver quality, safety-net health services in partnership with the community.

Prevention/Provision: Social Services – Promote and foster increased self-sufficiency, healthy behaviors and lifestyles among targeted populations.

Performance Measures

There is no anticipated increase in performance measures due to the additional funds.